

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-9 (*Canceled*)

Claim 10. (*Previously Presented*) A surface mount cable television jack for coaxial, fiber-optic, or other sheathed cable comprising:

a rectangular housing having opposed inner wall and outer walls, opposed sidewalls, and opposed end walls and comprising:

a generally rectangular base having an inner wall and peripheral opposed sidewalls, a closure end wall, and a cable mount end wall;

a generally rectangular cover having an outer wall and peripheral opposed side walls, a closure end wall, and a cable access end wall and conforming with said rectangular base such that said peripheral cover walls slidingly engage said peripheral base walls and abut said inner wall of said rectangular base upon closure of said cover over said base;

said housing having a cable entry port and a cable connector extension port, each said port defined by any of said end walls and said side walls of said housing; and

at least one female cable connector extending through said cable connector extension port.

Claim 11. (*Previously Presented*) The surface mount cable television jack according to claim 10, wherein said at least one female cable connector is a linear female-to-female cable connector having securing nuts removably mounted thereon.

Claim 12. (*Previously Presented*) The surface mount cable television jack according to claim 11, said base inner wall having a peripheral rim extending beyond said peripheral walls, said peripheral walls of said cover abutting said peripheral rim when closed over said base to form said housing.

Claim 13. (*Previously Presented*) The surface mount cable television jack according to claim 11, wherein said peripheral walls of said base are of such dimensions as to accommodate the entry of the input cable through said cable entry port and to accommodate the exit of said female connector and the turning of said securing nuts within and without said housing.

Claim 14. (*Previously Presented*) The surface mount cable television jack according to claim 11, wherein said inner wall of said base defines at least one screw mounting for receiving a screw mounting said base to a wall or other support.

Claim 15. (*Previously Presented*) The surface mount cable television jack according to claim 11, wherein said cable entry port and said cable connector extension port are defined by a common housing end wall.

Claim 16. *(Previously Presented)* The surface mount cable television jack according to claim 15, wherein the input cable extends through said cable input port, forms a bend portion proximate the housing end wall opposite said cable entry port and form a generally straight portion and ending in a cable connector collar, said collar being connected to said female-to-female connector at an end opposite that extending from said cable connector extension port.

Claim 17. *(Previously Presented)* The surface mount cable television jack according to claim 16, wherein said connecting nuts secure said extension portion of said female-to-female connector to said cable mount end wall of said base forming said housing common wall.

Claim 18. *(Previously Presented)* The surface mount cable television jack according to claim 16, further comprising at least one cable tiedown attached to said base inner wall within said housing for positioning the input cable.

Claim 19. *(Previously Presented)* The surface mount cable television jack of claim 10, wherein said housing inner wall defines a centrally disposed aperture of such dimensions as to cover and receive a flush-mounted jack connector in said wall, thus converting said flush-mount jack to a surface mounted jack.

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Claim 20. (*Previously Presented*) The surface mount cable television jack of claim 10, wherein said base closure end wall defines a knockout cable inlet groove plug and a knockout connector extension port.